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Mr. Alfred W. Speer  
Clerk of the House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 44281  
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4281

Re: R.S. 42:1120 Statement

Dear Mr. Speer:

It is in an abundance of caution that I submit this letter with regards to the votes which took place today in the Committee on Ways and Means in the Louisiana Legislature. House Bill's no. 50 and 69 of the 1<sup>st</sup> Extraordinary Session of the 2006 each legislate with regard to elected tax assessors. My father is the elected assessor from the 5<sup>th</sup> municipal district of Orleans Parish. Each of these bills if enacted (and in the case of bill no. 69, if the people voted to adopt the proposed changes to the constitution) could have a possible, future impact on my fathers continuation in his elected office. If these eventualities would come to pass, and the people of the 5<sup>th</sup> District of New Orleans re-elected my father in April of this year and if he had intentions of running again in 2010 then the changes so enacted or adopted could have a economic impact upon my father.

I find the connection between the possible enactment or adoption of these bills and the possible, future impact on my father's holding of his office extremely tenuous. The election for all seven assessors for Orleans Parish will occur in April and May of 2006. My father intends to be a candidate for reelection to his office, he has also made public it is his intention to retire after that term. These bills, if enacted or adopted, can not cause the removal from office any of the seven assessors elected in 2006 [See, LA Const. Art. X, Part III]. Therefore, if my fathers who is one of seven is reelected this year, these bills will not have an adverse economic impact on him until he is no longer able to run for reelection to the 5<sup>th</sup> municipal Assessor district of Orleans Parish, an event which can not occur until 2010.

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Further, I fully understand that I hold my office as a public trust. My role as an elected member of the Louisiana House of Representatives is to represent the interests of my constituents. A conflict of interest arises when the interests of my constituents and those of myself or my family diverge and conflict. My constituents are best served by the extant provisions of the constitution, whether or not my father serves as the elected Assessor from the 5<sup>th</sup> municipal district of Orleans Parish.

I file this statement pursuant to R.S. 42:1120(A).

Sincerely yours;

  
Jeffery J. Arnold  
State Representative, District 102  
State of Louisiana

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